

Appl. No. 10/730,346
Docket No. P148
Amdt. dated March 10, 2008
Reply to Office Action mailed on February 25, 2008
Customer No. 27752

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1 – 59 are pending in the present application. No additional claims fee is believed to be due. Claims 55 – 59 have been withdrawn as a result of a restriction requirement. It is believed these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter. Consequently, entry of these changes is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Response to Requirement for Restriction of Inventions

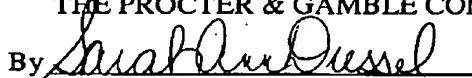
The Examiner has required, under 35 USC §121, election of a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner has grouped the claims of the current application into two inventions. Invention I, comprising claims 1 – 54, drawn to an edible composition for a companion animal and Invention II, comprising claims 55 – 59, drawn to a method for improving oral health. Applicants elect to prosecute Invention I, claims 1 – 54. This election is made without traverse. Claims 55 – 59 have been withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute claims 55 – 59 in continuing applications.

Conclusion

This response represents an earnest effort to place the present application in proper form and to distinguish the invention as claimed. In view of the foregoing, entry of the amendments presented herein, reconsideration of this application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

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